

TIMELY BITS OF SPORT

National Commission Must Pass on Point of Baseball Law.

EVERS AS FAST AS EVER

Doctor Says Wily Second Baseman of the Cubs Can Pivot Faster than Before.

An appeal from the decision of the board of arbitration of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, which sustained the contention of Waterloo for membership in the Three I League, has been made to the National Baseball Commission by President Teary. August Herrmann says that he will confer with Dan Johnson and Thomas J. Lynch, the other members of the commission, before making any announcement in the case.

The case is of general interest and is attracting wide attention because of the fact that a precedent in baseball law will be established which is likely to be far-reaching in its effect.

M. H. Sexton, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, sustains the decision and is quoted as saying on the subject:

"The verdict of the National Board of Arbitration as expressed by the secretary, J. H. Farrel, in the Waterloo case, is absolutely sound and in strict accord with baseball law, as I understand it."

This case has attracted wide attention, and will probably establish a precedent for all future time. The chimeras about baseball law and civil law being in conflict will be effectively silenced by these two decisions. Both civil and baseball law are founded on equity and law dealing, and on all questions concerning the investment of money, protection of property rights or the enforcement of constitutional or written contracts, a decision from either tribunal must agree with honest judgment and common sense dictates the verdict.

I take the broad ground that no organization, baseball or other, can encourage a city or a corporation within a city to invest large sums of money and then arbitrarily destroy that investment by an unjust termination of membership or other illegal action."

Johnny Evers will be as fast, and presumably as clever, as at any time in his career as a baseball player, according to Dr. Davis, who has watched the Cubs work in the South. He says:

In making the prediction that the Cubs will show better form this season than last, I do not think that I am right. That Johnny Evers will come into even better form than before he unfortunately broke his leg at Cincinnati. When I saw him racing around Pelican Park at New Orleans, I was not so much surprised that his broken leg was better than ever. When I saw him in his gymnasium stunts I knew that his ankle was better than ever, and it is true that the surface of the ground around the track was a little tender and sore at times for the next few weeks, but with this exercise it is getting stronger every day.

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The State Racing Commission in Kentucky issued a recommendation at a meeting on Friday which will operate in the interests of horsemen. It is now provided that in meetings at tracks whose immediate territory contains a population of more than 50,000, meaning Latonia and Louisville—no bets at a spring meeting shall be for less than \$50, or at an autumn meeting for less than \$100. In cities of between 20,000 and 50,000 population, referring to Lexington—the purse limit are \$100 and \$20 for the respective seasons. After 1911 all gamblers will be prohibited. This means that the associations must add a specified amount to the entrance and derivation fees. Heretofore some gamblers stakes have been paid, but these have been the same even paid a profit, the horsemen racing for their own money.

The Maple Leaf III, a motor boat, which developed the remarkable speed of fifty-seven miles an hour in the Solent on Friday, was built especially to represent Great Britain this year in the race in this country for the International trophy was last season by Frederick Burnham's Dixie III. The craft was launched on March 13 and is of the hydroplane order, with a length of 30 feet, 6 inches, and a beam of 5 feet. When the Dixie III won the coveted cup last year she developed a speed of 34.7 miles an hour, a faster boat will have to be built this year, and it continues to show the speed of a trial trip, else the cup will go back to England.

Al Kaufman, the California heavyweight, said to have refused an offer of \$100 to face Sam Langford in a twenty-round bout in France. He says he is not afraid of the Boston negro, but that he is camping on the trail of Jack Johnson, and the heavyweight championship. Sounds good.

Those interested in the great outdoors will find plenty to amuse and entertain at Richard E. Vollett's lecture on "Wild Life in Action" at the Hippodrome this evening. Moving pictures showing the capture of big game in the Arctic region will add a real touch.

"Patches" McFarland has been matched to meet Paul Kosher at Akron, Ohio, in a ten-round bout on April 4. The weight is to be 180 pounds at 5 o'clock.

"Jiggs" Donahue failed to "come back" so far as the Chicago White Sox are concerned. Donahue has been released and may not seek a place on some minor league team.

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